SUSPECT MURDER AND ARSON

WOMAN DEAD IN BURNED HOUSE; COACHMAN MISSING.

Folded Portlere Found Covering the Victim's Head-Rings and Jewelry She I sually Wore Are Gone-Man Suspected Was Hired Lately-Name Is Unknown.

The finding of the charred body of Mrs. Hannah B. Ross, a well to do widow, 64 years old, in the ruins of her home, which was destroyed by fire along with three other houses in High street, Montclair, early yesterday morning, has led the slice of that place to send out an alarm for the arrest of a man who was employed by the widow as coachman and who has not been seen since the fire.

The man was engaged by Mrs. Ross on Saturday last and not even his name is known. He was seen to enter the house at a c'clock on Wednesday evening. The fire was discovered at about 3:30 the next morning. When no trace could be found of either the woman or the coachman it was supposed that both had perished in The closest search of the ruins, however, failed to disclose any trace of the man's body.

The body of the woman was found yesterday noon in a corner of the basement, resting on a set of bed springs, on which the mattress had been almost completely destroyed. The woman was lying on her side, with her right hand under her head. Over her head-and this is one of the circumstances that has aroused the suspicions of the police, and set them looking for the strange coachman-was a thick portière, folded neatly four times.

The edges of the portière appeared to have been tucked in around the head and pressed down. In fact, so tightly was the cloth pressed against the woman's face that it contained a well formed impression of her face. It had been made soft and shapeless by the fire, but was burned only around the edges on the under side of the body. Some of the brass rings by which the curtain was hung were still in it. Near the head also was a piece of lace curtain, and this looked as though it hadn't come beside the body through chance.

Enough clothing remained on the body to show conclusively that the woman had not retired for the night. Both legs were burned off at the knees and the left arm

was also gone. Mrs. Ross is known to have had a good many jewels, most of which were old-fashioned and quite valuable. She wore several diamond rings, it is said, on her left hand. The closest search was made by the police in the ruins, but no trace of them remains of the hand. There were two rings on the right hand, but it was concealed under the head. No trace could be have worn, or of a large gold watch which she carried.

The coachman who is missing was engaged by Mrs. Ross Saturday last. She eccentric and irascible and was always having trouble with her servants. She reis and how bard it was for her to keep Richard Christian and his wife, colored, of 113 Mechanic street, Newark, worked for her longer than anybody else n the memory of Montclair folks, and it was Christian's decision to leave which led the old woman to advertise for a coachman in a Newark paper.

On Saturday afternoon a Newark lawyer, Edward S. Black, was with Mrs. Ross at her home consulting with her regarding the drawing of her will when three men, each less than 30 years old, approached the house together. They had come, they Ross was about to sign the will when they arrived and invited one of them in to act as a witness. She got the wife of a eighbor to be another witness. Lawyer Black left as soon as the document was signed and does not know whether the man who signed it was the one that was hired or not. At any rate, one of the three

The Montclair police refused last night to make public the name of the man whose signature was on the document, but they say that he gave a Newark address and that investigation has shown that no man of that name ever lived there.

Mrs. Ross's new coachman was short and stocky, with pronounced Irish features, frown hair and dark blue eyes. He had, it is said, the look of a pugilist. He began work at the Ross house on Saturday night. The negro and his wife who had been employed by the widow were not to leave until Monday, and the stranger, who told his predecessor that he was known as Bob, was lodged temporarily in the widow's bird room" on the second floor. This bird room, which adjoined the

widow's bedroom, was a rather notable feature of a somewhat peculiar house. In it Mrs. Ross kept several parrots and a large number of canaries, squirrels and other pets In it also was an oil stove, but this, it is said, was lighted only on the coldest nights, and the temperature on Wednesday night was fairly moderate. Those who arrived on the scene first say that the fire could not have started from it. The new coachman, it is said, continued to occupy the "aviary" as a sleeping apartment after the old coachman and his wife left. He did not associate with any of the other workingmen and was seldom seen downtown except as he was sent on errands the old woman. About noon on Wednesday, according to the story which one of the Montclair postmen tell the police,

the coachman was quarrelling with Mrs. Ross in the house. The postman said that he heard their voices when he approached the door, but te did not think anything of that, because he knew that Mrs. Ross often had words with her servants. A few minutes later he saw the coachman leaving the house. The next seen of him by neighbors, and so far as is known the last, was when he returned about 6 o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Ross was seen by a neighbor about 9 o'clock Wednesday evening, but not to

To Mrs. James I. Peck, the woman who acted as a witness for the will. Mrs. Ross had said only a day or two ago that she was going to discharge the new man, as she thought he had a bad face and was inclined to be afraid of him.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Walter Edwards, who lives almost directly across the road from the Ross house. She no-

BABIES ON FIRE

Quickest Line to Cleveland.

Leave New York 5:32 P. M., arrive Cleveland
7:15 next morning, Cincianati 1:39 P. M., indiaaapolts 3:09 P. M., St. Louis 6:48 P. M., by New York
Central. Fine Service. No excess fare.—Adv. With litching, burning, scaly humors speedily cured by Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura Ointment.

the did the reflection of the light from the windows on the second floor of the widow's windows on the second floor of the widow's house. At that time the fire was burning in Mrs. Ross's bedroom, and it is the opinion of those who arrived on the scene first

Neighbors broke in the doors and made an effort to reach the second floor, but the flames blocked them. It was known that Mrs. Ross was alone in the house with the coachman, but no effort was made to find him in the burning building. When the firemen arrived they found a broken main had deprived them of water, and all they could do was to stand around with their hands in their pockets and watch the

that it started there.

Ross house and the three others go up in Mrs. Ross was the widow of Theodore C. Ross, who was once secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. He was asphyxiated in his home in East Orange two years ago by accident. Mrs. Ross was known generally in Montelair as a woman of comfortable means. She owned the house in which she lived, and it is said to have been furnished with many

valuable antiques. Mrs. Ross was in ill health and almost a cripple from an injured hip. Her brother, M. B. Wallace, is a well known resident of East Orange, living at 53 Grove street. He said yesterday that his sister had as much as \$200 or \$300 in the house often. She sold property in Baltimore recently, it was said, for about \$2,000, but her brother says he thinks she deposited this money in a trust company. Mrs. Ross is known to have drawn \$50 from a bank Saturday last. Lawyer Black refused to disclose the contents of the will except to Chief of Police Gallagher of Montelair and County Prosecutor Young of Newark.

Chief Gallagher said last night that he believed he had a clue which would lead to the arrest of the coachman to-day, but he refused to express any definite opinion regarding the case. An autopsy will be performed on the body to-day, and although it is in a badly charred condition the police hope that it will disclose whether or not the woman met with violence.

THOUGHTFUL MAN CLUBRED. Was Trying to Draw Fires to Avoid an

Explosion When Cop Assaulted Him. Fire destroyed the starch factory belonging to Arthur S. Hoyt at 28-27 Ninth street, Brooklyn, last night, causing damage estimated at \$50,000. The blaze was discovered by the engineer, Henry Gutteridge.

He said later that when he saw the fire in the packing room he ran to the street and turned in an alarm and then hurried back to let off the steam from his boiler and draw the fires to avoid an explosion.

A policeman, he said, followed him and ordered him to get out of the building. could be found, although they did find the | Gutteridge refused to leave and insisted on drawing the fires. Then, he said, the policeman lost his head and began to club him. Gutteridge's arm was black and found either of the old fashioned, heavy blue from his wrist to his elbow and he comearrings which the woman was known to plained of having been beaten about the body. He says he was finally put out of the building by the policeman.

Six men from Engine 133 while on a ladder holding a stream into the second had the reputation in Montelair of being story window lost control of the nozzle and were knocked to the ground, where the squirming hose beat them. Fireman used to tell her neighbors about these quar- Shannon was the only one severely injured, receiving a bad cut over the left eye from a blow of the nozzle.

RAILROAD HAS LAWYER JAILED.

Dobbins Is Charged With Embezziement in Connection With Real Estate Deals. ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 23.-Walter Dob-He was arrested at Burlington. He is a

lawver. By the arrest it became known that the Pennsylvania Railroad had been buying property along its line in this part of New Dobbins secured a release for property from Mrs. Williams of Rahway. and represented to her that the papers would have to signed by an officer of the company before a check would be forwarded to her. It is said that she never received the check. He was arrested by detectives hired by the railroad. Dobbins is held in default of \$5,000 bail. His place of residence is not known here.

MAN TIED UP. He Says Three Villains Did It and Chucked Him Over Park Wall.

As Policeman Stone of the Arsenal police station was patrolling Fifth avenue near 104th street at 9:30 o'clock last night, hearing groans and shouts for help coming from inside the Central Park eastern wall at 104th street he leaped over the wall and found a young man lying in a heap of snow tied up with a clothes line.

The policeman cut the rope and asked the young man who he was, &c. The young fellow said that he was William Tierney, a plumber's helper, living at 240 East 102d

"I was walking up Fifth avenue early this evening," said Tierney. "Near 104th street three men jostled against me. I tried to get out of their way, but one of them caught me and said: 'Let's try it on him.' The other two closed in and, pushing me against the wall tied me hand them caught me and said: Let's try it on him.' The other two closed in and, pushing me against the wall, tied me hand and foot. Then one of them said, 'He looks pretty well, let's dump him,' and they threw over the wall.' The police suspect Tlerney tied himself while in a dream. He went home.

KILLED BY AUTO HE DROVE. Rear Wheel Passed Over Nelson's Head

-Stalled With the Power On. Lewis Nelson of 255 Bank street, Newark, N. J., an automobile driver employed by the New York Transportation Company, was run over and instantly killed by the electric hansom which he drow early last night. He had taken two fares to the Yosemite apartments at 550 Park avenue, and was starting back to the stables when the hansom became stalled by a mound of ice and snow. He got off the seat, leaving for breach of contract. the power on, and attempted to push the

machine over the obstacle. Arnold Hoffman, a bellboy employed at the Yosemite, went to his assistance, and together they managed to start the hansom. As the machine started Nelson nansom. As the machine sarrows veision attempted to regain his seat, but slipped and fell forward. The rear wheel passed over his head, killing him instantly. Hoffman stopped the hansom and called an ambulance, but Nelson was dead when

THE SEABOARD FLORIDA LIMITED maintains quickest schedule in both dire between New York and St. Augustine. A s train leaving New York every day at 12:25 Office 1183 Brondway.—Adv.

CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL OFFICE MEN, JEROME SAYS.

Haives Is the Rule, but if the Thief Gets a Fine Diamond the Officer Takes It-Raines Law a Blackmail Pump -Price Went Up on the Roosevelt Risk.

"There is not a place in the city of New York where street cars run that the pickpockets are not working under distinct contract with Central Office men," said District Attorney Jerome, in his address ast night before Club A of the People's Institute.

He was talking about the enormity of the blackmail system. "There is a crook in the Tombs now," he continued, "whom I asked about the division of the spoils, and I want to say right here that I believe what he told me. He said that the whackup was made on a basis of 50 per cent. for each side, except in some cases where the pickpocket geta an unusually fine stone, and then the officer takes it all. A politician was recently robbed of his diamond stickpin on a surface car, and he appealed to a Central Office man to belp him recover it. The detective asked him in which section of the town he had lost the stone. That was all he wanted to know. In a few days the politician got back his

"If the people of this town only knew the true hideous inwardness of the blackmail system, they would rise up in their might and annihilate it. If they knew the true character of the higher officials of the police force, it would be another case of Montana and California with their vigilantes."

Mr. Jerome's speech was a plea in favor of the passage of his amendment to the excise law permitting saloons to sell liquor after church hours on Sunday, but the discussion took a much wider range. In answer to questions he said that the greatest evil in the country was that the judiciary as a rule was elected instead of being appointed.

"And let me add," he continued, "that the greatest peril to the labor movement in this country is the misunderstanding now so prevalent on the question of injunctions; for the thing that is going to stand between the labor organizations and their oppressors in the future is the injunction of the Federal courts, in spite of the idea that is held of it to-day by members of trade unions."

Mr. Jerome also took a shy at Charles Sprague Smith, director of the People's Institute, who was not present. He said that Mr. Smith was like a great many other worthy citizens who did not want the excise law amended and at the same time would to nothing toward its enforcement. He had asked Mr. Smith to aid him in getting the amendment passed, but Mr. Smith refused on the ground that he did not believe in it. "Well, will you help me to get the law as it stands enforced?" Mr. Jerome asked Mr. Smith; but he wouldn't.

In answer to a question drawn out by this statement the District Attorney said he was radically opposed to "all this foolishness about the referendum." It looked fair on the outside, but was the most undemocratic thing in the world, and the talk about it in this country was an academic

The Raines law could not be enforced gence could devise a means of enforcing it. "But the Legislature is not legislating oins, who has been a representative of the in the best interests of the people. [A voice: Pennsylvania Railroad on the New York "You are right." And one party is just as division, was lodged in the county jail here bad as the other. Neither side wants a to-night on a charge of embezzlement, change in the Raines law, because it is so well adapted to squeezing money out of saloon keepers all over the State."

The speaker said that the attempts to enforce the law under Strong and Low had made it impossible to elect their successors on the reform ticket.

"And what was the result?" he asked. 'What in God's name did we get as a recompense for it? We got less than one-fiftieth of one per cent, of the offenders in court. Even Theodore Roosevelt, with the whole was to put up the price of blackmail from \$5 a month to \$15 and \$20 on the ground that of giving pretection to lawbreakers was so much greater.

"In reality there should be two kinds vearning statute book in which could be written."

In one of the statements Mr. Jerome made about the iniquities of the blackmail hem if it was not so. Joe Johnson, the manager of the Subway Tavern, who folowed the District Attorney, said he was in a position to make good Mr. Jerome's promise and invited all hands to the heavenly

TOBY CLAUDE BANKRUPT. Poor Thing Can't Pay \$1,857 for Clothes She Has Bought.

Harriotte M. Standing, an actress, under the name of Toby Claude, who has resided at 142 West Forty-ninth street and 40 West Forty-fifth street within the past six months, has filed a petition in bankruptcy debts were contracted in 1903 and 1904, for wearing apparel, photographs, shoes, medical services, &c. Among the creditors are Julia W. C. Carroll, \$1,037; Mrs. Josefa Osborn, 361 Fifth avenue, \$500; Mrs. Kirkland, \$170, and Arnold, Constable & Co., \$150, all for wearing apparel; Burr McIntosh, \$45, and Mr. Garo of Boston, \$80, both for photographs, and the Boston Music Hall Amusement Company, \$800 damages

Schwab to Build Fifty Homes for Workmen. ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 23. - Charles M. Schwab, former head of the United States Steel Corporation, has let the contract for fifty houses, to be used by his workmen in the milis at Williamsburg, a town near here. The contract amounts to about \$100,000.

TOUR TO DENVER VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD, ACCOUNT OF EPWORTH LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.
On account of the Epworth League International Convention at Denver, Colorado, July 8th to 9th, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a personally conducted tour to Denver leaving New York by special Pullman train July 3rd. Tickets will be good returning by regular trains until July 14th. Hate from New York 185.50, covering round trip transportation and Pullman accommodations and all meals in dining car on going trip. Proportionate rates from other points, Details of C. Studds, Eastern Passenger Agent, No. 263 Fifth Avenue, New York City.—Acc.

BRYAN ADVICE TO ROOSEVELT. BAG ONE MORE SICK ENGINEER Suggests That the President Refuse Favors From Railroads.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 23.-Mr. Bryan thinks a test of the President's sincerity in his anti-railroad campaign would be a refusal to accept favors from them. He

"Thoughtful people credit the President with being sincere in his position on the railway rate matter, but would he not be in a better position to push his fight if he were not under obligations to the railroads for favors received? The claim that railroads like to carry the President's specials because of the advertising it brings is silly in the extreme. They carry the President for the same reason that they carry Congressmen, Senators, members of State Legislatures, Federal and District Judges, county attorneys and influential politicians.

"President Roosevelt can strengthen his position by refraining from accepting railroad favors in future.

FIFTY PERSONS LOST.

Schooners Wilbur and Quinnebang Were Probably in Collision-Wreckage Found. Boston, Feb. 23.-The first inkling of the fate of the four masted schooner Charles E. Wilbur was contained in a cable message received this morning from Bermuda.

About eighty feet of the stern part of the vessel drifted ashore on Northwest Reefs, and a board 12 feet long was picked up with the name Charles E. Wilbur cut in the wood and gilded.

The appearance of the wreckage indicated that the forward part of the vessel had been cut off by collision with some other craft. The Wilbur, a new vessel on her maiden trip with cargo, salled from Darien, Ga., on Nov. 8, for New York, with a cargo of piling and was never beard from. It had been supposed that the schooner foundered in one of the gales which swept the Atlantic shortly after she sailed.

The Wilbur was what is known as a "bald headed" schooner, that is, she carried no topmasts. The only other vessel of this particular type was the schooner Quinnebaug, owned by the same men as the Wilbur. The Quinnebaug also disappeared and her fate has remained a mystery. She sailed from Savannah on Nov. 6, for New

York, also laden with piling Shipping experts believe, from the re ports received from Bermuda, that the Quinnebaug and the Wilbur were in colision and that both vessels foundered Capt. Cook was in command of the Wilbur and Capt. Vetterling of the Quinnebaug. The crew of each vessel numbered twentyfour men. On board the Quinnebaug, besides the regular crew, were the captain's wife and brother-in-law.

SIMPLON TUNNEL THROUGH. Eight Year Work of Boring the Alps Thought to Have Been Ended.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERNE, Feb. 23.-Probably the piercing of the Simplon tunnel is now completed. The last news was that only a few feet separated the Swiss and Italian workmen at the point the engineers had in their plans arranged as the place of meeting.

Snowstorms have since stopped the telegraphs, but it is likely that the workmen from the Italian and Swiss sides of the great tunnel shook hands with each other this afternoon. The work of constructing the tunnel began in 1898. It is 12% miles

EX-SENATOR ROSS DEAD. Injuries Received When His Wife Was Killed

Sr. Johnsbury, Vt., Feb. 23.-The Hon. Jonathan Ross, ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Vermont, and ex-United States Senator, died at Brightlook Hospital to-day as the result of injuries received on Tuesday afternoon, when his sleigh was struck by a train and Mrs. Ross was killed. Judge Ross had been unconscious most of the time since the accident.

Mr. Ross was born in 1826, at Waterford Vt. He entered Dartmouth College in 1847 and was graduated in 1851. While gaining his early education he worked on his father's police force at his back, could not bring the | farm in the summer and in the winter taught offenders to justice. The only result of his school in Vermont, New Hampshire and strenuous efforts to enforce the excise law | Massachusetts. After graduating at Dartmouth he taught in Craftsbury and was principal of the academy at Chelsea, Vt. under a reform administration the risk | While living in the latter town he studied law and was admitted to the Orange county bar in 1856.

Judge Ross formed a law partnership with of statute books. One should be the moral | A. J. Willard of St. Johnsbury, which continued for about two years. He then pracrecorded the great but non-enforceable tised by himself until 1855, when he went ideals and the other a book in which the in business with G. A. Burbank. After a statutes that can be enforced should be year's association with Mr. Burbank he formed in 1869 a partnership with W. P. Smith, which continued until he was elected in 1870 an Assistant Judge of the Supreme

Judge Ross was State Attorney for Caledonia county in 1862-63. He represented St. Johnsbury in the Legislature in 1865, 1886 and 1867, and for several years was a member of the State Board of Education. In 1869 he was a member of the last council for censors held in the State. He represented Caledonia county in the State Senate in 1870, the year he was elected to the Supreme Early in 1899 he was appointed by Gov.

Smith to succeed Justin S. Morrill in the United States Senate. He was twice married

TRAIN BLOCKED FIRE ENGINE. with liabilities \$3,042 and no assets. The Eleventh Avenue Hold-up Gives Lumber Fire Great Headway.

A four story building at 649 West Fiftieth

street was destroyed by fire last night and Schwartzwalder's lumber yards adjoining were partly burned. If it hadn't been for the fireboats New Yorker and McClellan, the damage, which Chief Croker estimated at \$15,000, would have been much greater The fire was discovered in the building

by a watchman employed near by. The the Office of a Clerk in Missouri. first fire engine was blocked by a long train first fire engine was blocked by a long train of freight cars on Eleventh avenue. The cars were at a standstill and the man in charge of the dummy engine didn't budge. The fire engine whistled for the train to move on, and when it wasn't moved men were sent hurrying south on the avenue to tell the engineer to get busy. The train was so long that they had to run several blocks to catch up with the engine. Even then it took ten minutes before the firemen then it took ten minutes before the firemen could cross Eleventh avenue. This gave the fire great headway. In

addition many of the fire hydrants near the burning building were frozen.

THE GULF COAST-NEW ORLEANS. MARDI GRAN.

Special tour via Pennsylvania Raliroad March 3 to 9, inclusive. Rate. \$75, covers all necessary expenses, including grand stand seats. Special Puliman train. Inquire of ticket egents or C. Studds, E. P. A., No. 183 Fifth Ave., New York.

AND HIS PAL, WHO SHOWED WALL STREET TO A DETECTIVE.

All the Curb, It Appears, Was Yelling for Eagle Gold and Copper at \$3.75 and Couldn't Get It Because It Was Searce -Sick Engineer Offered 2,600 at \$2.

The "sick engineer" swindle, which landed Larry Summerfield in Sing Sing, is still a later for it. The fact that there were no working, and two of the con men who work were landed yesterday by Central Office Detective McKenna, who could make more money on the stage than he does on the force. Capt. O'Brien thought that this advertisement, which he found in a morning paper on Feb. 12, had a fishy look:

Any one with \$5,000 cash can make 50 per cent on same in short time; legitimate business deal; handle own money; appoint interview. A. A.

O'Brien told McKenna to look into it and assigned Detectives Deevy and Cassassa to help. McKenna, as Richard Morris, wrote a note to A. A. and got into communication with "H. B. Clayton" at the Metropolitan Hotel, Broadway and Twentyseventh street. Clayton knew a sick engineer who wanted to sell his Eagle Gold and Copper Mining stock at \$2, although it was worth \$4. McKenna, who posed as a retired bookseller from Boston, said he'd take \$5,000 worth at least and give Clayton half he made on the deal.

As McKenna had never been in Ne York before, Clayton showed him Wali Street yesterday. He pointed out Trinity Church, and declared that his great-greatgrandfather had been baptized there. Down where the Broad street curb brokers play Clayton dived into the crowd and when he came back he said.

"They're all yelling for Eagle Gold and Copper at \$3.75."

Clayton took McKenna into Jules S. Bache's office at 30 New street and asked for the quotations on Eagle Gold and Copper stock. He was told in the office that no record of the stock could be found and that it certainly wasn't an active one. "There," said Clayton to McKenna, "you see, they can't get any to deal in. It's a

scarce stock, I tell you." From Wall street the pair went to the Washington Hotel, in Jersey City. In Room 102 they found the sick engineer. He was introduced as Mr. Montez. He appeared to be crippled by rheumatism, and he certainly was good at groaning. He had no heart for business, but he wanted ready cash, even at a great sacrifice. After considerable talk he produced a greasy looking wallet from under the mattress. In this wallet were 2,000 shares of the stock. McKenna agreed to buy but said he would have to come back to

this city for the money. Clayton and he came back here and once on this side of the river, McKenna arrested him, much to his surprise. At Headquarters Clayton gave his name as Frank Montez, and in Jersey City, when Chief of Police Murphy bagged the other swindler. that invalid gave his name as Horatio B. Clayton and immediately recovered his health. It is doubtful if O'Brien can hold his prisoner, but Chief Murphy thinks he can send his man to fail for attempted swindling. This one had an opium layout, which was seized.

FINE ARTS CELEBRATION.

Pennsylvania Academy Celebrates Its 100th Birthday Anniversary.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23 .- The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding tonight with a banquet served for 260 artists and laymen in the main gallery of the academy. There were twenty-four women

present. A feature of the evening was the award of the \$300 second Lippincott prize to Alexander Stirling Calder and two academy gold medals of honor to William T. Richards and Violet Oakley. These announcements, particularly the latter, were met with great enthusiasm

A special train brought a large contingent from New York to the banquet. These included Sir Casper Purdon Clarke, the newly elected director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Herbert Adams, John W. Alexander, Howard Russell Butler, Charles H. Coffin, J. H. Chapin, William Chase, Charles Chauncey, Thomas S. Carke, William A. Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cooper and Kenyon and Mrs. Cox.

TEASIN' AN' CODGIN' HER. She's All Right, but Coon's Letter Lands Him in a Tenderioin Cell.

Charles Augustus Wilson of 215 West Twenty-ninth street, a tall, lanky negro-waiter out of a job, wandered into a photograph parlor at 400 Sixth avenue last night and asked the proprietor, George Seigel, system he told the audience he would treat | Court. He was elected Chief Judge in 1890. | to write a letter for him, as he was unlearned in the art. Wilson dictated as follows: MA DEAR LADY LOVE: Ain't no use o' me bangin' 'round. I ain't got no job any more; nor no money, an' you've done throwed me down. I'm just a ornery nigger loafer, that's what I is, an' nobody cares fo' me any

more.
I'm goin' to take a walk, that's what I'm goin' to do. I'm goin' down to Twenty-third street, an I's goin' to get on one of them boats, an after that boat's out in the river I'm goin to make a hole in that river. You ain't never goin to see me no more.

Good-by from your loving sweetheart
which you has done thrown down.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS WILSON.

After Seigel had written the letter and watched Wilson depart, he got to thinking that perhaps the letter was not a bluff. He consulted with Policeman McAnerney. Wilson was caught after a short chase down the street, and landed in the Tender-loin station as a suspicious person. Wil-son told the sergeant that he had no idea

of killing himself.
"I may be a fool nigger," he said, "but I's not so foolish as that. I was just a teasin' and codgin' that gal." He was locked up

LEGISLATIVE BILL STOLEN. Anti-Pool Selling Measure Disappears From

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 23 .- The original draft of the Godfrey anti-pool selling bill, the substitute for which was adopted on Tuesday by the House of Representatives, has disappeared from the office of the chief clerk. As the substitute is based on the original bill, in the nature of an amendment, the action of the House in passing the bill, which prohibits all betting on horse races in the State, becomes null

Anson for City Clerk of Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.-In Democratic circles to-day it was agreed that Capt. Adrian C. Anson would be the nominee for City Clerk at Saturday's convention. Both the Dunne and Harrison elements of the party predicted that the captain would receive the caucus indorsement to-morrow night without op-

BOMB FOR SENATOR PENROSE? Addressed to Him and Left in the Private Letter Box of an Artist.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23 .- An infernal machine, addressed to United States Sena-Archibald J. Williams, an artist, in his private mail box at 1210 Market street, where he has his studio. It is believed that the instrument was left in the box temporarily by its maker, who had intended to return

stamps on it confirms this theory. Half an hour before the discovery of the machine Mr. Williams had emptied the mail box of its contents. He says there was nothing of the kind in it at the time. The fact that on the day previous a messenger boy took a mysterious package addressed to Senator Penrose to the Hotel Walton, and upon finding the Senator was not there refused to leave it, strengthens the belief of the police that there was a plot against Senator Penrose's life. The police are now searching for the messenger.

DUKE KEPT ON SHORT COMMONS. American Wife Doesn't Let Manchester

Throw Away Money. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN DUBLIN, Feb. 23 .- In the course of the hearing of a suit brought by a land agent | ing to the Russian Black Sea fleet have named O'Carroll to recover £750 commission for procuring a loan of £10,000 for the Duke of Manchester, counsel stated that the Duchess, who was formerly Helena Zimmerman of Cincinnati, kept control of her fortune. She did not throw her money away and she did not give it to the Duke

to throw away. Consequently he was unable to pay debts his extravagance had incurred. The hearing was adjourned. It is understood that the Duke is in the United States.

WOULDN'T BELIEVE A JEW'S OATH Juror in General Sessions Sent Away as

Ineligible. "I cannot serve," said Abraham Abrams, foreman of the jury that was about to take up vesterday the case of two boys charged with burglary before Judge McMahon in General Sessions. "There is a member of this jury who has said that he would not believe a Jew under oath. He is Juror 9."
"That's right," said five other jurors, who stood up. "We heard him assert in the

William N. Denman, an agent, of 140

denial. "That being the case," said Judge Mo-Mahon, "you are not eligible as a juror and you are excused."

The two burglars were then convicted.
When Judge McMahon was examining talesmen for the February panel one of the talesmen said he wouldn't believe a policeman under oath. It turned out that he had been convicted of running a disorderly bouse.

THINKS FLYNN GIRL IS DEAD.

Otherwise Explain Her Disappearance. The search for missing Mamie Flynn, the young Brooklyn stenographer who disappeared on Friday last, is still going on and the police of all the large cities have

away from home willingly. Miss Flynn is 28 years old. She was E. O. Jacobsen & Co. of 2 Stone street, would be honored at their bank. Mr. missing girl's accounts are correct to a

"Nothing but death could keep that girl from coming home," declared her father, of the Grand Duke falls on the John Flynn, last night. "She was a ho loving girl and I am sure she must be dead."

J. F. SCHENCK'S WILL MISSING. Search of His Private Papers in Lenox Fails to Reveal It.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Feb. 23.-The will of the late J. Frederick Schenck of New York is missing, and a search of all his private papers in Lenox and New York has failed to reveal it. Mr. Schenck is known to have made his will several years ago and it was supposed that the papers were in his desk his Lenox residence, Valley Head, where a search for the will was made following his death three weeks ago.

Some investigation has been made in New York for the papers, and the vaults of the New York Trust Company are to be searched to-morrow for the will. Meantime Mrs. Schenck has been appointed special administratrix of the property of her late husband. He held valuable stocks, bonds and other properties which needed immediate attention. He was rated as a millionaire.

REVENGE ON A LEGISLATO R. Girl Whom He Didn't Marry Defeats One of His Bills, He Says

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 23 .- A bill to require the keeping of gasolene in red painted cans, in order to distinguish its contents from kerosene, failed of passage in the Senate to-day, after having received sanction in the House. Its author, Representative Foster of Douglas county, declares that its defeat was secured by Miss Olive Utt, private secretary to her uncle, Lieut.-Gov. McGilton, who used her influence and acquaintance with Senators to smother

Foster is a young dentist of Omaha, where Miss Utt resides. Several years ago where miss out resides. Several years ago they were engaged to be married, according to the Representative, but the engagement was broken and afterward he married another. The defeated measure was Foster's pet bill, and he declares it was to pique him that the young woman acted.

Miss Utt is the daughter of John E. Utt, resident trees the Receivers of the Recei an assistant traffic manager on the Rock Island. She declares that the story origi-nated in a joking remark by one who knew of her former friendship with Foster, but

TO RETURN BATTLE FLAGS.

the latter sticks to his story.

Congress Passes Bill Authorizing the Government to Send Back Captured Trophles. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- The Senate to-day passed the House bill authorizing the return to the respective States of the captured battle flags, both Confederate and Union, now in possession of the Government. The action of the Senate, like that of the House was unanimous. The bill now needs

The delight of all who love good ale. A sparkling barley malt brew-bottled in stoneware.—Adv.

MANY KILLED IN BAKU RIOTS,

FOUR DAYS OF MOB FIGHTING IN SOUTHERN RUSSIA.

tor Penrose, was found this morning by Families Dragged From Homes and Murdered-Mussulmans Rise in Tillis Soldlers Guard Banks-Black Sea Fleet Involved - Warsaw Strikes Spread.

Special Cable Despaiches to THE SUN. BAKU, Feb. 23.-The rioting and massacring which broke out here last Sunday continued for four days. The casualties are unknown, but it is generally thought

they were not below a thousand. Whole families were dragged from their houses and murdered in the streets. The excitement continues, but outwardly matters are quiet. The banks are carrying on business as usual, but they are protected by soldiers. Most of the shops owned

by Armenians are closed. The strikers attacked the men working in two factories at Romany. Thirty persons were killed or wounded.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 23.-It is reported here that Batoum and Poti, in Transcaucasia, are under mob rule. The officials are helpless. Murders and arson are frequent. It is rumored that warships belongbombarded Poti, which is held by strikers ST. PETERBBURG, Feb. 23.—It is reported that Tiffis, capital of Russian Transcaucasia, is a centre of riot, and that fighting is incessant. Hundreds have been killed or wounded. Many armed Mussulmans came by train from the country and joined their coreligionists against the Christians. Business is at a standstill.

Many of the residents have barricaded themselves in their houses. Robbery and violence are supreme.

WARSAW, Feb. 23 .- Not only have the strikers tied up the railway trains, but they have wrecked the switchboards and other mechanisms so as to render impossible the operation of the lines by military

engineers. Consequently a large part of Poland is cut off from the world. No mails are received or despatched, and no outside newspapers are received. The employees of the big factories at Lorz have struck jury room that he would not believe a Jew again. The strikes are spreading in other

Strikers this morning smashed the win-Nassau street was the juror. He made no dows of five factories on Czerniakowska street and forced the workmen to leave the buildings. A company of infantry was sent to the spot, and it is reported that they fired upon the strikers, with what result is not known.

LAUDS SERGIUS AS A MARTYR. Praise for the Murdered Grand Duke- One Pathetie Incident.

Special Cable Designiches to Tas SUN. Moscow, Feb. 23.-The ceremony attendant upon the funeral of Grand Duke Sergius was completed to-day according to the ritual Father of Missing Stenegrapher Cannet of the Orthodox Greek Church, and the body now lies in the Chapel of St. Andrew, whither it was removed at the conclusion of the service to await eventual burial in St. Peters-

The service in the Chudoff monastery been asked to look for her. The parents | was solemn and magnificent, but was very of the girl are sure that she is not staying irksome to those who attended, owing to the intense heat. The tiny chapel was over crowded with people. The blazing tapers stenographer and confidential clerk for added to the heat, and the air was rendered oppressive by the funes from the censers. Manhattan, and had their power of attorney, It was necessary frequently to carry glasses by which her name to a check for \$50,000 of water to revive the overtaxed women. Some were obliged to leave in the course of Jacobsen has assured the police that the the service. The Metropolitan of Moscow preached the funeral sermon. He said in the course of his remarks:

"The responsibility for the death whole society of Russia, without distinction. The memory of Sergius, that great martyr, and the services he rendered the State will live for all time among the Russian people. The Lord will accord everlasting rest to the spirit of this martyr. His soul will live as lives the blood of the ancient martyrs, as a memorial to the truth and the true faith. We may be sure that the blood of the Grand Duke will sow germs of repentance over all classes of society." The most touching feature of the service

was the Grand Duchess Elizabeth's farewell to the shattered body of her husband. Led by Grand Duke Constantine and Grand Duke Paul, she went to the side of the coffin and bent over the face of the dead, which was hidden by a lace veil, and silently sobbed. Apart from this incident there was little in the gorgeous ceremonial that appealed

to the heart.

and the other members of the imperial family attended a requiem service to-day in the chapel of the palace at Tsarskoe-Selo. The foreign Ambassadors, the Ministers and a great number of Court and State dignitaries were present. The Czar and Czarina and the other members of the imperial family after-

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.-The Czar

ward, in accordance with custom, attended a State luncheon, at which the Ambassadors and others attending the requiem were guests. LONDON, Feb. 23.-A requiem mass for the repose of the soul of the late Grand Duke Sergius was sung in the Russian chapel in Welbeck street at noon to-day. King Edward sent a representative, and

MORE JAP TORPEDO BOATS. Dozen of Them Now Ready to Join Fleets

Mr. Choate and other Ambassadors were

-Coal Ships in Danger. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 24.-The Tokio correspondent of the Telegraph says that a dozen torpedo boats that were recently finished have joined the seagoing fleets. He adds that ten steamers laden with coal and provisions are icebound outside of Vladivostok, and that when the ice moves out the Japanese will undoubtedly capture them.

NORTH SEA REPORTS RUMORS. No Official News Yet-Said to Be Favorable

to Russia.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—In the House of Commons to-day Earl Percy, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said, in reply to a question, that the Government had not

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